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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A dispenser for storing and dispensing a plurality of separably joined wipes, comprising:
a cartridge comprising a bottom wall and at least one side wall extending from the bottom wall and a lip extending from the at least one side wall, the walls connected together to define a chamber and an opening in the chamber located at a top portion of the side wall opposite the bottom wall;
a cover comprising a top, a ~~cover sidewall~~ top side wall, and a ~~cover top~~ flange, the cover removably self-fastenable to the lip, the cover and cartridge cooperating to seal the plurality of separably joined wipes in the chamber; and
an elongated dispensing passage disposed adjacent the top portion of the side wall wherein wipes from the plurality of separably joined wipes can be dispensed from the chamber by the wipes passing directly between the cover and the top portion of the side wall and out the dispensing passage when the cover is fastened to the cartridge.
2. (original) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the elongated dispensing passage comprises a rib projecting from a wall of the passage.
3. (original) The dispenser of claim 2 wherein the rib extends a length of the elongated dispensing passage.
4. (original) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the elongated dispensing passage extends a length co-extensive with a width of the wipes.
5. (original) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the elongated dispensing passage is formed in the cover.
6. (previously presented) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the cover is attachable to the lip in at least two locations about the lip.

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7. (original) The dispenser of claim 6 wherein the cover provides at least a double seal about a perimeter of the lip except at the elongated dispensing passage.
8. (withdrawn) The product of claim 1 wherein the plurality of separably joined wipes are formed in a roll.
9. (withdrawn) The product of claim 1 wherein the plurality of separably joined wipes are wet wipes.
10. (withdrawn) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein a seal is secured across the opening of the chamber and locatable between the top portion of the side wall and the cover.
11. (withdrawn) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the cartridge is independently mountable in a separate dispenser without use of the cover and whereby wipes within the chamber can be dispensed from the separate dispenser.
12. (withdrawn) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the cartridge comprises:
 - four side walls;
 - each side wall having a top and a bottom;
 - each side wall having a length and a depth;
 - the cartridge having a length, a width and a depth;
 - the bottom wall joined to each side wall;
 - the bottom wall having a curved section and a planar section;
 - the curved section having a first side and a second side;
 - the planar section having a first side and a second side;
 - the first side of the curved section being joined to the bottom of a first side wall;
 - the second side of the curved section being joined to the first side of the planar section; and
 - the second side of the planar section being joined to the bottom of a second side wall that is opposed to the first side wall.
13. (withdrawn) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the cartridge comprises:
 - side walls;

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the cartridge having a length, a width and a depth;
the bottom wall joined to each side wall;
the bottom wall having an curved section and a planar section;
the curved section having a first side and a second side;
the planar section having a first side and a second side;
the first side of the curved section being joined to the bottom of a first side wall;
the second side of the curved section being joined to the first side of the planar section;
the second side of the planar section being joined to the bottom of a second side wall that is
opposed to the first side wall;
a third and fourth side walls opposed to one another;
the third and fourth side walls interjoining the first and second side walls;
the first and second side walls having a rib; and
the third and fourth side walls having a groove.

14. (withdrawn) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the cartridge comprises:
a first side wall, a second side wall, a third side wall and a fourth side wall;
each side wall having a top and a bottom;
each side wall having a length and a depth;
the cartridge having a length, a width and a depth;
the bottom wall joined to each side wall;
the bottom wall having a curved section and a planar section;
the curved section having a first side and a second side;
the planar section having a first side and a second side;
the first side of the curved section being joined to the bottom of a first side wall;
the second side of the curved section being joined to the first side of the planar section;
the second side of the planar section being joined to the bottom of a second side wall that is
opposed to the first side wall; and
a plurality of parallel ribs on the first and second side walls.
15. (currently amended) A dispenser for storing and dispensing a plurality of separably joined
wipes, comprising:
a cartridge comprising a bottom wall and at least one side wall extending from the bottom
wall and a lip extending from the at least one side wall, the walls connected together to

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define a chamber and an opening in the chamber located at a top portion of the side wall opposite the bottom wall;

a cover removably fastenable to the lip, the cover and cartridge cooperating to seal the plurality of separably joined wipes in the chamber;

the cover comprising a top and at least one top side wall extending from the top and a ~~cover~~ top flange extending outwardly from the at least one top side wall, and wherein the top, the at least one top side wall, and the ~~cover~~ top flange form at least one pocket, and the at least one pocket snaps onto the lip; and

an elongated dispensing passage disposed adjacent the top portion of the side wall wherein wipes from the plurality of separably joined wipes can be dispensed from the chamber by the wipes passing directly between the cover and the top portion of the side wall and out the dispensing passage when the cover is fastened to the cartridge.

16. (original) The dispenser of claim 15 wherein the elongated dispensing passage is formed in the cover.
17. (original) The dispenser of claim 16 wherein the elongated dispensing passage comprises a rib projecting from the cover toward the top portion.
18. (original) The dispenser of claim 17 wherein the rib extends a length of the elongated dispensing passage.
19. (original) The dispenser of claim 15 wherein the elongated dispensing passage extends a length co-extensive with a width of the wipes.
20. (previously presented) The dispenser of claim 15 wherein the elongated dispensing passage extends from above the lip to below the lip.
21. (previously presented) The dispenser of claim 16 wherein the elongated dispensing passage extends from above the lip to below the lip.
22. (withdrawn) The dispenser of claim 15 wherein the cartridge comprises:
a plurality of walls comprising side walls and a bottom wall

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each side walls having a top and a bottom;
each side wall having a length and a depth;
the cartridge having a length, a width and a depth;
two opposed side walls corresponding to the length of the cartridge;
the other two opposed side walls corresponding to the width of the cartridge;
the bottom wall joined to each side wall;
the bottom wall having an curved section and a planar section;
the curved section having a first side and a second side;
the planar section having a first side and a second side;
the first side of the curved section being joined to the bottom of a first side wall;
the second side of the curved section being joined to the first side of the planar section;
the second side of the planar section being joined to the bottom of a second side wall that is
opposed to the first side wall;
the lip joined to the top of a side wall;
the lip extending outwardly from the top of the side wall; and,
the cover contacting the lip.

23. - 31. (canceled)

32. (original) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the cartridge and the cover are each made of a material having a flexibility characteristic in the range of semi-rigid to rigid.

33. (canceled)

34. (previously presented) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the top portion of the cartridge comprises four corners and the cover is removably self-fastenable to at least each corner.

35. (withdrawn) The dispenser of claim 15 wherein the top portion of the cartridge comprises four corners and the cover comprises at least four pockets, and each of the four pockets is removably self-fastenable to one of the corners.